

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 10-13, 26, and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 3, 8, 14-18, and 21 have been amended, and claim 28 has been added. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 3-9, 14-25, and 28 are pending and under consideration.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

In the Office Action, at page 2, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-7, 13-15, 17 and 21-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3, 17, and 21 have been rewritten in independent form, and are now allowable. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of claims 11-13 has been incorporated into independent claim 8, claims 16 and 18 have been amended to depend from independent claim 8, and claims 8, 14-16, 18-20, and 25 should now be allowable.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

In the Office Action, at page 2, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 8-12, 16, 18-20 and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hedenburg, (US 5,146,840 – hereinafter Hedenburg '840). The reasons for the rejection are set forth in the Office Action and therefore not repeated.

Claims 1, 2, 10-12, 26, and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Noting the Examiner's indicated of allowability of claim 13, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of claims 11-13 has been incorporated into independent claim 8, and thus, independent claim 8 should now be allowable. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16 and 18 have been amended to depend from independent claim 8, and that claims 14-16, 18-20, and 25, which ultimately depend from independent claim 8, should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 8, as well as for the additional features recited therein.

NEW CLAIM:

New, independent claim 28 recites: "...an oven frame framing the oven compartment, the oven frame comprising a first bracket defining a first wall of the oven compartment, a pair of side

brackets defining opposing sidewalls of the oven compartment, and a support bracket supporting the adjustable kneading member.”

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art neither discloses nor suggests such features.

Applicants respectfully submit that new, independent claim 28 patentably distinguishes over the cited art, and should be allowable for at least the above-mentioned reasons, as well as for the Examiner’s stated allowability of claim 13 if rewritten in independent form.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the cited art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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